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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 16, 2015

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors

**FROM:** Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent *SB*

**SUBJECT:** Grant Opportunities for IDEA Part B/Section 619, Preschool Special Education within the Office of Great Start/Preschool and Out-of-School Time Learning

The Michigan Department of Education/Office of Great Start is pleased to announce the availability of two subgrants to support the Preschool Indicators Grant for IDEA Part B/Section 619, Preschool Special Education programs and services. There are two components to the grant: 1) to compile data and develop all appropriate reports for Part B/Section 619; and 2) to coordinate and provide regional professional development and technical assistance to the Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) for Part B/Section 619 staff. Various stakeholders are eligible to apply including school districts, public or private profit or nonprofit organizations, or institutions of higher learning.

***Data Analysis and Reporting Subgrant (\$90,000)***

The objective of this subgrant is to use evaluation methods to improve preschool special education initiatives, particularly early childhood outcomes and inclusive environments for preschool children with special needs. Part B of IDEA requires data collection and reporting on preschool outcomes, and preschool educational environments, in addition to other data.

***Professional Development and Technical Assistance Subgrant (\$160,000)***

The specific purpose of this subgrant is to provide the coordination, implementation, and management of professional development and technical assistance to increase early childhood outcomes and inclusive opportunities for preschool-aged children, and to support other preschool special education initiatives.

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A teleconference for this grant opportunity will be held on July 23, 2015. Details regarding this call are available on-line at [www.michigan.gov/ecse](http://www.michigan.gov/ecse).

Grant instructions and application forms are posted on line at [www.michigan.gov/ecse](http://www.michigan.gov/ecse). Additional questions regarding the Preschool Indicators Grant may be directed to Lisa Wasacz, Office of Great Start/Preschool and Out-of-School Time Learning, 517-241-4520, or [wasaczL@michigan.gov](mailto:wasaczL@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance